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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA WILL SEEK SPECIAL TRADE
TREATMENT FROM THE U.S.

1. FONMIN FACIO SAID YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO PRESS

REPORTS HERE, THAT LATIN AMERICA WILL ASK THE U.S.
FOR SPECIAL COMMERCIAL TREATMENT THAT WOULD CREATE A
SPECIAL REGIME OF TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES. FACIO OBSERVED THAT COLOMBIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER LIEVANO HAD SUGGESTED SUCH A SYSTEM TO
SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD
SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE DISPOSED TO ANALYZE CAREFULLY
THE IMAGINATIVE SUGGESTION. FACIO SAID THAT HE
HAD SPOKEN ON THE TELEPHONE WITH FONMIN LIEVANO AND
EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA AND THAT HE INTENDS
TO PURSUE THE MATTER WITH LIEVANO NEXT WEEK.

2. FACIO OBSERVED THAT A SIMILAR IDEA HAD BEEN
PROPOSED DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE ALLIANCE FOR
PROGRESS AND REJECTED BY VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN
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NATIONS WHICH ARGUED THAT SUCH A SYSTEM COULD INCREASE

DEPENDENCE OF THE REGION ON THE U.S. FACIO SAID THAT
WITH THE LOME CONVENTION AND COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENTS
LATIN AMERICA IS THE ONLY BLOC OF UNDER-DEVELOPED
NATIONS THAT DOES NOT HAVE ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR
ITS EXPORTS TO ANY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION. FACIO
EXPRESSED THE JUDGMENT THAT GIVEN CURRENT ECONOMIC
REALITIES, EARLIER OBJECTIONS TO THE CONCEPT OF SPECIAL
TREATMENT FOR LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ARE
NO LONGER VALID.
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